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BLM Conducts Slash Pile Burns in the Chimayo Scout Camp and Copperhill Areas

Taos, NM – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Taos Field Office announces slash pile burns in the Chimayo and Peñasco, New Mexico areas beginning November 15 through December 31, 2004.

Fire crews will burn piles of slash in the Chimayo Scout Camp (Frank Rand Camp) area. The burn operations could begin on any day within the specified timeframe.

On November 29 through December 18, 2004, fire crews will pile burn in the Copperhill area in Peñasco. Burn operations will continue for a two-week period within this timeframe. Smoke will be visible throughout the course of the burn operations.

These burns are part of an ongoing fuels reduction project that began in 1998. “The burns are needed to reduce hazardous fuels in the Wildland Urban Interface,” said Kyle Sahd, Engine Foreman for the Taos Field Office.

For the Copperhill Burn, signs publicizing the burn will be posted along State Road 75 between Embudo and Peñasco. For the Chimayo Scout Camp Burn, signs will be posted along County Road 123 during the days of the burn.

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